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In re application of:

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FOR IDENTIFYING NUCLEIC  
ACID MOLECULES USING  
NUCLEOLYTIC ACTIVITIES AND  
HYBRIDIZATION

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Sir:

AMENDMENT TO APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a)

Applicants respectfully request entry of the present amendment to the specification under 37 C.F.R. §1.312(a). Applicants are providing the present amendment after the mailing of the notice of allowance and before payment of the issue fee. The amendment relates to Applicants not claiming benefit of priority to a patent application filed in China which was referred to in the Application and Declaration as filed.

Amendments to the Specification

Please delete paragraph one, page one, which starts with "The present application claims benefit of priority to patent application..." and ends with "...docket number I2000712cb which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety."